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Change in Start Date on Repair Work at Fredericksburg National Cemetery **Alternative Access During Repairs**

On **October 25**, a contractor for the National Park Service will begin repairs to the entrance to the Fredericksburg National Cemetery. *This is a change from the original start date of October 17.* Work will include the removal and replacement of the concrete driveway and curbs, and the replacement of broken steps at the Cemetery entrance and the adjacent, historic National Cemetery Lodge.

The work will require 10-14 calendar days to complete depending on weather. No work will be done on weekends.

While work is ongoing, the main entrance to the Cemetery will be closed. Visitors wishing to access the National Cemetery may do so by using the north side entrance atop Willis Hill, reachable by walking up the Marye's Heights Trail (see enclosed trail map). Check at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center for directions.

The Fredericksburg National Cemetery is 150 years old this year. It is the burial site of more than 15,000 Union soldiers, fewer than 20% of them identified. The cemetery has been closed to new burials for several decades. It is one of the most important and visited commemorative landscapes in the region.

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park in Northern Virginia was once the bloodiest landscape in North America. Two major Civil War armies clashed in and around Fredericksburg in four pivotal battles within an 18-month span, resulting in 100,000 casualties. The park is the second largest military park in the world and includes four major battlefields and five historic structures that park staff work daily to preserve and interpret for the public.

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